

REMARKS

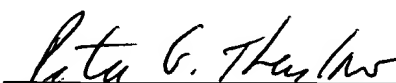
Claims 17 and 18 are pending in this application, with Claim 17 being in independent form. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Initially, Applicant notes that the enclosed RCE includes a request and required fee for a three-month suspension of action. Applicant therefore requests that the Examiner not take any action on this case unless otherwise directed by Applicant's attorneys.

One of Applicant's attorneys plans on performing an interview with the Examiner regarding this case. Upon completion of the interview, Applicant intends on taking additional action in this case.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York Office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,


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